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## Senate

The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, teach us how to trust You without wavering. Keep us from feeling discouraged when we face life's storms, as You remind us that You order our steps and control our destinies. Increase our faith so that we will stay optimistic, even when the glass seems half empty.

Lord, continue to sustain our Senators. When pressed by challenges, give them courage in danger, steadfastness in trials, and perseverance in difficulties. Give each of us loyalty when loyalty is costly and a joy which the world can neither give nor take away.

We pray in Your strong Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 19, 2005.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a

Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. SUNUNU thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today, we will begin consideration of H.J. Res. 52, which approves the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. We have shortened the statutory time limit. There will now be a 1-hour-20-minute period of debate on the resolution. Thus, Senators can expect a vote on the Burma resolution sometime between 12 and 12:30 today, probably closer to 12:30.

Following that vote, we will recess until 2:15 for the weekly policy luncheons. Following the recess, we will resume consideration of the Foreign Operations appropriations bill. Our intentions are to finish that bill, the Foreign Operations appropriations bill, tonight. We have been on the bill Friday and Monday, and will be now today, with plenty of opportunity for our colleagues to come forward, offer their amendments, and debate their amendments. So our plans are to stay today to finish the Foreign Operations bill. I do want to encourage Senators to contact the cloakrooms right now, early this morning, if there are other amendments to be considered. The two managers will be here to consider those amendments. Again, our intentions are to finish that appropriations bill.

Over the course of the week, and into next week, before our recess, but most immediately this week, we have a

highway extension that will have to be done later today. We have an issue concerning native Hawaiians that we are working very aggressively on in order to bring it to the floor. We will continue to work over the course of the next several hours to determine how best that can be brought to the floor and debated. We have the Department of Defense authorization, an important bill that we will be addressing before the recess. All of this is dependent on us first completing the Foreign Operations appropriations bill. So there is much work to do. We will keep our colleagues informed as to what the specific plans are, but we have a lot of business before we depart for the recess.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader is recognized.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS LEGISLATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the only two amendments I am aware of—there could be others; that is why I think it is good we make a call for other amendments—is one Senator DORGAN has indicated he may offer dealing with the Unocal sale and the amendment being contemplated by the Senator from California, Mrs. BOXER. And we have a pending amendment that I understand can be worked out. That is Senator LANDRIEU's amendment on adoptions.

So it appears we should be able to finish this bill today. I see no reason we should not be able to. We will wait until we hear from Senator DORGAN and Senator BOXER. I say to them, through their staffs who are watching, they should come forward and offer their amendments if they are going to offer them.

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